

ABSTRACT

An apparatus for providing information by speech, has analyzing means of extracting all or some of words from an input sentence based on a predetermined criterion, replacing the extracted words with standard words by use of predetermined relation information, selecting a standard sentence pattern most relevant to the input sentence from among a plurality of prepared standard sentence patterns by use of the standard words, and replacing all or some of the standard words of the selected standard sentence pattern with the corresponding words; and

speech synthesizing means of performing speech synthesis of the sentence on which the word replacement has been performed, by use of prosody information previously assigned to at least the selected standard sentence pattern,

wherein the relation information is such that to the predetermined standard words, words relevant to the standard words are related.